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The American Humane Education Society

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I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—COWPER



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We trust all contributors to the Fondouk at Fez understand that they are entitled to exemption from taxation on such gifts.

The starling is still cooked in some parts of England, and the sparrow a hundred years ago was a popular dish for the poor. We have heard of certain people having to "eat crow" but not in a literal sense.

The Abyssinians are said to be great friends of animals. The houses in Abyssinia consist of three compartments, of which one is reserved for domestic animals. The children are inseparable playmates of these animals.

Are all the nations of the earth going mad over the fear of war? Are we here in this country becoming as guilty as the rest? Won't our own Government please tell us just what other nation is liable to cross an ocean to attack us?

At the Municipal Slaughter-house, Vienna, new electric and mechanic appliances, mostly of German make, are being tested. These tests have proved very successful and since they were conducted under the control of Dr. Hans Altenhofer, the humane chief of the veterinary department, there is every prospect of an early abandonment of present slaughtering methods.

The raising of a million dollar advertising fund to induce people to eat more meat, it is reported, has been recommended to the American Livestock Association. A far better way to accomplish this, in our judgment, would be to assure the great American public that humane methods in the slaughtering of our food animals had been put into actual practice. Many people have become vegetarians because of the unnecessary sufferings caused our food animals by present inhumane methods.

## Bull-fighting in the United States

**W**E are glad to congratulate the Royal S. P. C. A. of Great Britain on its new official magazine, *The Animal World*. In it, however, we find a brief article entitled "No Bull-fights in Texas" in which it is said that "The Governor of Texas, U. S. A., has signed a comprehensive bill making bull-fighting illegal. This is the first anti-bull-fighting legislation to be passed in the United States."

We are afraid that some of the readers of *The Animal World* might imagine that bull-fighting was legal in all the other states of the Union. The fact is that every state in the Union has anti-cruelty laws under which any such cruel sport as bull-fighting is forbidden and would be prosecuted. Texas may have felt it wise to have a special law to deal with this evil, but no other state, so far as we know, has deemed such a law necessary.

From Lisbon comes the news that whenever a cruising liner arrives at the Portuguese capital a special bull-fight will be staged for the passengers if 30 of them ask for it. Can anyone tell us if bull-fights are still taking place in Spain?

## Poor "Pancho"

From Madrid comes the sad story of what war meant to one member of the Spanish Zoo. "Pancho," the retired park zoo elephant who had thrilled generations of Madrid children, died today, a war casualty.

Pancho, ill for months from under-nourishment, died in his snow-filled pen without having tasted a peanut or any tidbit except coarse black bread for a year and a half. Fat of his body will be converted into grease for war purposes.

## Two Worth-while Quotations

**T**HE first is from a wise man's estimate of the life of that noted journalist, Arthur Brisbane:

"If greatness be measured in terms of mass appeal—then Brisbane was truly great. If it be measured in terms of financial success—again the answer must be in the affirmative. If it be measured in terms of achievement within his profession—then, too, he is great. But if the yardstick be an intangible something such as truth, integrity, consistency or humanity, the answer must be in the negative."

The second is from the lips of Charles P. Steinmetz, no preacher, no professor of moral philosophy, but one of America's leading scientists, a marvel of his day as a student of some of the mightiest forces that rule in our physical world. Among his last words are these:

"Here is a force which history clearly teaches has been the greatest power in the development of men and history. \* \* \* Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to the study of God and prayer and the spiritual forces which as yet have hardly been touched. When this day comes, the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has in the past four."

The "Club Jack London Belgique," with headquarters at Antwerp, publishes in the journal *Nos Meilleurs Amis* an urgent appeal against the tortures of animal training. The Club is sparing no efforts by lectures, leaflets and other propaganda to reveal the secrets of animal training.

## The Hunter

JUDY VAN DER VEER

*I try to pity the hunter  
As I would pity the blind;  
He goes into the woods  
With a dark mind.*

*He cannot see the beauty  
Of life in a deer,  
He goes to deal death,  
And pain and fear.*

*He cannot see how beauty  
Fades from the eyes  
Of the wounded one  
That drops and dies.*

*He cannot truly know,  
Or take deep delight  
In the wild beauty  
Of swift flight.*

## Cats and Ships

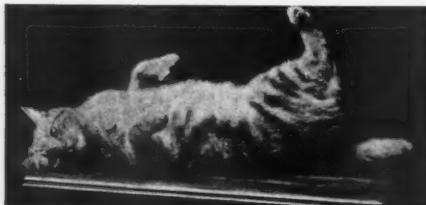
L. E. EUBANKS

HERE are thousands of cats which, from choice or necessity, lead a seafaring life. Any sailor will tell you that these cats frequent the docks, always on the lookout for a comfortable ship in which to make their temporary headquarters.

Do not imagine that there is any necessity for them to stow away or obtain their berths in an underhand fashion. Quite the contrary. Sailors are always pleased when a cat decides to favor a ship with her company. It is supposed to foretell a good voyage. The ship's cat does not usually belong to any particular member of the crew, although she may attach herself to one man during the voyage. She will choose her ship with discrimination, stick to it as long as it pleases her and leave when tired of it.

A naval man tells us of a typical instance. His destroyer docked at Portsmouth for one day. The cat which had made her home on the ship for several months went ashore with the liberty men. She did not return, but the next morning, shortly before the ship was due to sail, three other cats arrived to inspect the ship. They visited the men's quarters and sampled the food in the galley. Then they must have come to some understanding, for two of them stalked peacefully ashore, leaving the other to "sign on" for the voyage.

Sometimes newcomers will try to invade a ship already occupied by a cat that has not yet decided to leave. In such a case the feline member of the crew will repel the intruders with true naval ferocity. While on a ship the cat is always made much of by the crew, who, nevertheless, respect her independence as she respects theirs.



## The Gray She-wolf

SUTTON CONWAY

THE sun rose smiling over the mountain woodland, casting long shadows on the snow. Haloed in rosy mist, he thrust his beaming face above the dark wooded mountains. His expansive gleams sifted through the big pine, whose sheltering arms drooped from its pointed height to the piled snow above the entrance to the Gray She-wolf's burrow.

She had just completed her hunt before dawn. On soft gray pads, after all night wandering—for the snows and bitter cold of the far north had been extreme for many months that winter—she was returning with a small thin rabbit. She slid through the doorway of her home and was greeted by the happy yapping of her whelps.

A quarter of a mile to the north, Joe La Rue, hunter and trapper, decided to halt in his rounds and lay a new trap. This done he smiled as he thought of the nice furs he would send to the trading post at the end of the month. It was a fine collection he had. He thought of how he would spend that night at the post, as he turned homeward across the diamond crusted carpet of the snow.

The sun rode majestically down the sky and in due time sank in a glory of lurid gold. The tree silhouettes stood stark and black against the slowly fading color, while away to the east, cold and white, the great round moon rose. The little wolves, safe in their burrow, snuggled against their mother.

Tiny whiff of wind stirred through the tree-tops, sighing down the mountain. As it passed the den of the wolves, it lingered bit by bit to stir the pine branches. The She-wolf awoke, sniffed, slowly uncurled herself, arose, and stretched. Still sniffing the wind, she thrust her nose outside. Surely that was the smell of meat; there was the smell of blood in the air.

She trotted forth, nose to the wind, brush high, belly to the ground. Along the frozen creek's edge she loped. High above the trees a night-hawk screamed. An owl spying a wood mouse, swooped noiselessly down, carrying its faintly squeaking victim aloft.

The She-wolf trotted onward, the scent growing stronger in her nostrils. Coming down over a sharp ledge, she saw a huge rabbit dangling from the lower limbs of a tree. The hunger pangs became more insistent. She sprang forward and howled with pain as the great steel jaws of the trap closed upon her leg. She bit, fought, writhed in agony. She screamed with fright. Still those horrible jaws would not loose their hold.

The moon went down serene and beautiful behind the hills, her expression unaltered, her calm untouched.

A quarter of a mile away, a great pine raised its spire in the darkness before dawn. Bristling against the sky, its drooping arms leaned over a dark burrow where six little wolf-pups slept, curled close to one another.



## New-born Canadian Fawn

W. J. BANKS

EVERYTHING is new and strange to this little, long-legged reindeer fawn, because he is just one day old. Temporarily deserted by his mother, he is quite ready to be friendly with the herdsman. Long domesticated in northern Europe, Siberia and more recently in Alaska, the Santa Claus deer have no fear of men.

This infant is one of the first reindeer to be born in the new preserve at the delta of the mighty Mackenzie River. In recent years the once enormous herds of caribou, the reindeer's native American cousin, have been dwindling. So the Canadian Government decided to follow the example of Alaska in establishing Asiatic reindeer herds. Results thus far have proved successful.

For five years expert herdsmen from Lapland directed an unusual migration of some 3,000 animals which were guided leisurely across the Arctic tundra of northern Alaska and Yukon. Rests of some two months were taken during the fawning seasons and in spite of the inevitable losses during the journey of 2,000 miles, more than 2,300 animals were delivered at the Mackenzie delta in good condition.

Now the herd is growing rapidly, and gives every indication of keeping up the Alaska average, where, under good conditions, a reindeer herd is expected to double its numbers every three years. The picture was taken on the new fawning grounds at Richards Island, just off the mainland's Arctic coast. Summer grazing areas are rotated, and Eskimos are learning to care for the herd which promises to be an important factor in the economic and everyday life of their people.

Snag, the herd dog, seems to wear a benevolent grin as he keeps an eye on the stray fawn. It is his job to prevent such strays from getting into trouble, and he will not rest until its mother rejoins it. Snag also watches for wolves and other enemies of the herd. To him goes a good deal of the credit for keeping the great herd together on its huge, unfenced range during the worst kind of Arctic weather.

The Jack London Club, with 700,000 members, protests the cruelty in training animals for stage and screen performances. Write to 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, for particulars.

# Be Kind to Animals Week, April 25-30

## Humane Sunday, April 24, 1938

### The New Poster for 1938

A PICTURE of the new national BE KIND TO ANIMALS poster for 1938 was shown on the back page of our February number. It depicts a dog standing on his hind legs before a microphone, "calling all humans." The colors are red and black, similar in effect to last year's poster. The size is the same as before, 17 x 22 inches.

Every school-room should be supplied with this poster, designed by Morgan Dennis.

Copies bearing the imprint of the American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, are for sale at these prices, postpaid: Single, 10 cts., three for 25 cts., eight for 50 cts., twenty for \$1, seventy for \$3, 125 for \$5, and may be ordered from the Society. Orders for larger quantities, however, and all others requiring special imprints, should be sent to the American Humane Association, 80 Howard Street, Albany, N. Y.

### Worth Thinking About

The editor of a leading Boston paper, referring sometime ago to the work done by Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, wrote, with rare insight, "It seems a far cry from considerations like these to a federation of the world, yet international peace begins, if anywhere, in that reverence for life, for individuality, for personality, which has its roots in kindness to animals."

### A Litany

*For birds with broken wings,  
For rabbits caught in springs,  
For poor bewildered foxes,  
And butterflies in boxes;  
Hear us, we beseech Thee.*

*For dogs without a home,  
For "cats that walk alone,"  
For horses worn and old,  
For sheep without a fold;  
Hear us, we beseech Thee.*

*For all those weak and lowly  
Depending on man solely,  
By all we hold most holy,  
Hear us, we beseech Thee.*

FREDA ELTON YOUNG  
in R. S. P. C. A. Journal

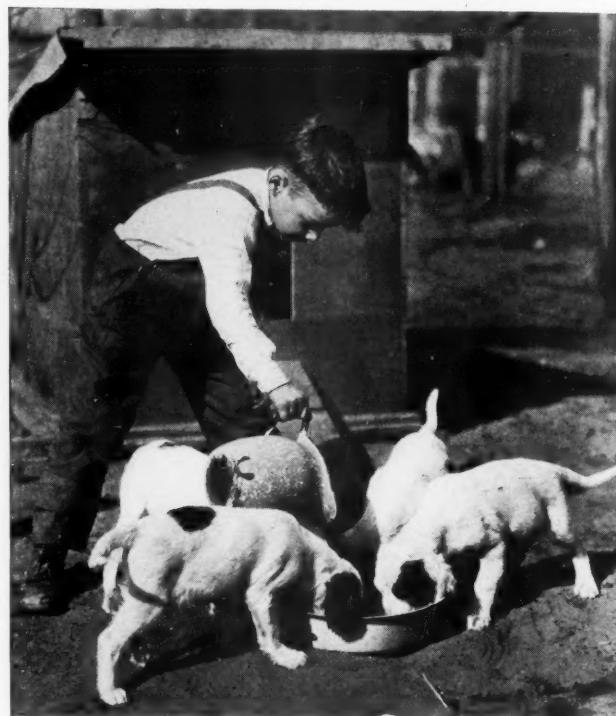


Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

### Fifteen Prizes Offered for Best Story on this Picture

In connection with the 1938 Be Kind to Animals Week observance, *Our Dumb Animals* offers fifteen prizes to the boys or girls under sixteen years of age who send in the best stories of not more than 300 words on the picture printed above, before May 1. The first prize will be \$10, cash; the second, \$5, cash; the third, \$3, cash; and the next twelve, one year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals*.

Who are eligible to compete in the contest?

Boys and girls everywhere who were born on or after May 1, 1921. Exact age and full address of each contestant must be plainly written at the top of the first page of the manuscript. Do not give school addresses, but home addresses, with street and number, or post-office box, if any.

Are there other conditions?

All replies are strictly limited to 300 words, not counting name, address, and age, and should be written on one side of the paper only.

What is the subject of the story?

It is what you see in the picture printed on this page.

How should the replies be addressed?

Story Contest Editor, *Our Dumb Animals*, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass.

When does the contest end?

At midnight, Saturday, April 30. All replies should be received previous to that date, or should bear a postmark not later than April 30, 1938.

No manuscripts will be returned, so do not enclose return postage. Copies of manuscripts, if desired, must be retained by the writers.

When and where will the results be announced?

In the June or (at latest) July issue of *Our Dumb Animals*. Checks in payment of the cash prizes will be mailed promptly after the decisions have been made by the editors.

All the conditions of the contest are set forth above, and the editors of *Our Dumb Animals* cannot undertake to reply to questions relating to the contest, except as printed above.

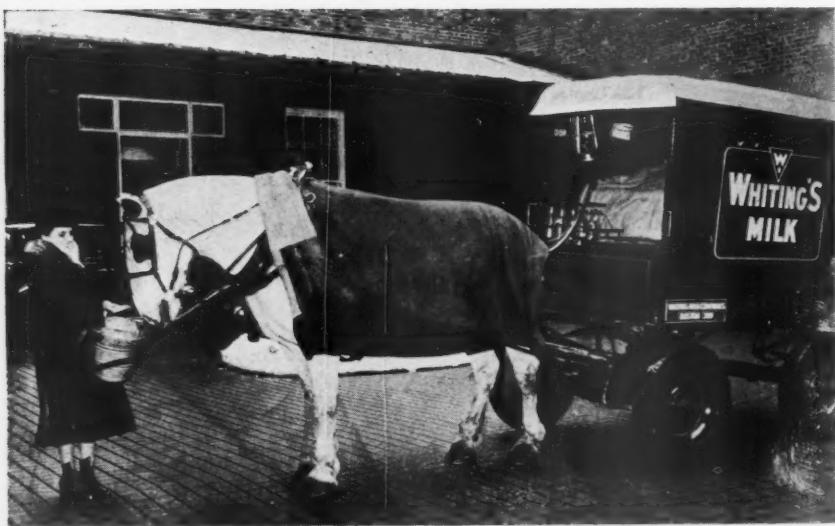
### For Humane Day in Schools

HUMANE DAY in Schools this year is set for Friday, April 29. Unfortunately this date will come in the vacation period of some schools, but this is unavoidable as Be Kind to Animals Week had to be late on account of Easter coming in the middle of the month. It is hoped that where the date set is not convenient, schools will pick the nearest available date for their Humane Day. To help teachers properly observe this occasion, the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. has prepared a new edition of the popular "Humane Exercises" for 1938. This pamphlet will offer many helpful suggestions to teachers and selections of verse relating to animals and birds for recitation by pupils. Copies of this pamphlet, will, as usual, be mailed free to all school superintendents in Massachusetts who will use the reply card sent them to indicate how many they can use to advantage. To those outside of Massachusetts who wish to use the pamphlets, they will be sent at cost of printing, usually about \$2 per 100 copies. A sample will be sent free, on request, to any who apply.

### Mr. Burgess Comes on Humane Sunday

It will be good news to hundreds of children around Boston to know that Mr. Thornton W. Burgess, popular author of "Bedtime Stories" of animals and birds is to give a free lecture entitled, "Friends I've met in Fur and Feathers," illustrated with colored slides and moving pictures, in the Lecture hall of the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, at 3:30 P.M., on Humane Sunday, April 24, 1938. This lecture is sponsored by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and is given in cooperation with the Boston Public Library. The entrance to the lecture hall is on Boylston Street. The doors will be open at 2 P. M., but will be closed when the hall is filled.

FILMS.—"The Bell of Atri," one reel. "In Behalf of Animals," showing scenes at Mass. S. P. C. A. Hospital and Rest Farm for Horses, two reels. Address, Secretary, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.



A CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE ANGELL ANIMAL HOSPITAL

### American Fondouk, Fez

#### Annual Report of the Honorary Secretary for 1937

AS 1937 draws to its close I find it an outstanding year of many problems, some of them causing nervous anxiety for this committee. I believe conditions in Fez have been the most serious for both the Colonists and the Indigenes since 1930. The war in Spain has created many difficulties, and with such alarming reports appearing daily in the Press, and the troublesome regulations imposed on travelers passing through the Spanish zones of Morocco, the tourist traffic to Fez has arrived at a standstill. This, and the persistent drought throughout the summer, has resulted in great hardship to humans and animals alike, and an enormous increase in the cost of living. For our hospitalized animals forage prices are three to five times as dear as this time last year, and although we have done our utmost to hold daily averages the same as last year's figure, of animals entirely hospitalized, we have been obliged to compromise by classing as many as we conscientiously could as "Out-patients."

Mr. Delon, Superintendent, has been most helpful and intelligent in advising the committee of our handicaps there, and has made every economy possible.

A pleasanter side of the year's results is the completion of the purchase of the land adjoining our original plot at a price which nothing but the "hard times" would have produced. It is between three and four times as large as our first purchase, and we acquired this large addition for two-thirds of the price of the small original lot. The new plot has no restrictions, as the highway from the "New City" continues at great distance from the Mellah walls to its junction with the route to Taza.

Of the organization in New York those vacancies which existed in the advisory committee were filled at a director's meeting in New York in October, 1937. The annual meeting for 1937 was waived at that same date, and voted deferred till 1938, our widely scattered membership having again become responsible for this action.

The above report, respectfully submitted, carries the thanks of the Fez personnel, as well as my own to each subscriber to the Fondouk's support.

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES A. WILLIAMS, Honorary Secretary

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Comparing 1937 with 1936 the increased responsibilities in all departments proves the "hard times" in Maroc to have been "facts" and not "theories."

In 1936 our *daily* average throughout the year was 5 more each day of 366 than this year of 365 days, yet of large animals we fully hospitalized 170 *more* than in 1936.

To strike the balance and effect an obvious and necessary economy, this year the out-patients number nearly 800 *more* than in 1936 (this is referred to in the honorary secretary's report).

Daily average of animals hospitalized 46  
Daily average of dogs in the pound

fed by the Fondouk 8.8

Large animals hospitalized in 1937 1,366

Animals humanely put out of suffering in 1937 542

Number of out-patients at the Fondouk 3,343

Number hospitalized at the American Fondouk from the Native Fondouks 741  
Usual number of visits to the 70 Native

Fondouks of the Medina, Fez, Jedid, Soul el Khemis, Casa Ben Debbab, Mellah, etc.

Animals inspected in the course of these visits 82,385

Animals treated in the course of these visits 12,749

Investigated complaints, etc., vs. animal owners 4,554  
Number of infected pack-saddles destroyed 178

Respectfully submitted,  
GUY DELON, Superintendent

**Endowed stalls and kennels are needed in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital. Payments of thirty-five dollars for a kennel or seventy-five dollars for a stall will insure a suitable marker inscribed with donor's name. Terms of permanent endowment of free stalls and kennels will be given upon application.**

### Contagion

BUENA SOWELL

*Today I heard a robin  
Singing in the sun;  
I was not meant for singing  
But when the hour was done  
I had climbed the hill of courage  
And before I knew it I  
Was singing with the robin  
As he flew into the sky.*

### Homage to a Dog

THE following tribute to "Jennie," a police dog who died recently at the age of fifteen, was paid by Mr. Edwin M. C. French in the *Boston Herald*:

"This faithful dog will be missed by the people of Hudson as she rode daily beside her owner, Richard Pomeroy, in his automobile, perched high on a front seat. So, also, will she be missed by the engineer on the morning train, who leaned out of his cab each morning to toss the newspaper to Jennie, who carried it 1,000 feet to the yard of Mr. Pomeroy. So, also, will she be missed by the many visitors to the Pomeroy estate who marveled at her almost human intelligence."

### Killed

The Ludlow Amendment, which would have given the people of the United States the right to say whether or not they wanted to send men, money and ships across seas to get involved in some other nation's wars, was killed in Congress. Many of our readers will greatly regret this. Even a free discussion of the bill was denied 130,000,000 people by a little handful of their so-called representatives. This amendment adopted would not have prevented war being declared at once by the government if a foreign power should attack us, or even make the attempt. The people of this country do not want war and they should be given the chance to say so, no matter what the politicians say. We are glad to know our Massachusetts Senator Walsh was in favor of the Ludlow measure.

#### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF FIELD WORKERS OF THE AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY FOR JANUARY, 1938

Number of Bands of Mercy formed,	414
Number of addresses made,	207
Number of persons in audiences,	32,105

### Fund for Retired Workers

We are receiving gifts to the American Humane Education Society as a trust fund, the interest to be used for the benefit of field missionaries and others who have spent their lives in promoting humane education. Already several cases have come to our attention and are being relieved in this way. We will welcome your contribution to this fund. Please make checks payable to Treasurer, American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, and specify that the amount contributed is for the Humane Education Trust Fund.

## A Winter Morning

NIXON WATERMAN

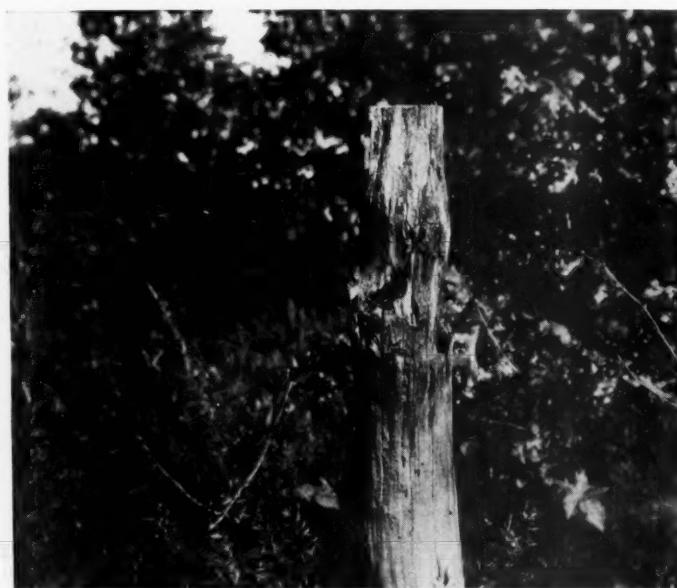
*Some winter morn, when trees and shrubs  
And every spire of grass,—  
All things that show above the snow,—  
Seem wrought in crystal glass,  
We'll cry, "O world with grace imperaled!  
O fields so pure and white!  
Can June's glad green provide a scene  
More near the heart's delight?"*

*But thoughtful souls will say, "O view  
Too wonderfully nice  
To put in words, but how shall birds  
Exist on snow and ice?"  
And straightway will so amply fill  
With bread and meat and corn  
The feeding-shelves, the birds, themselves,  
Will sing, "O lovely morn!"*

## Habits of the Jacksnipe

WILLIS MEHANNA

The jacksnipe, common in the midwestern states, is a very retiring sort of bird. Its only note is a short, chirping whistle in which it indulges much of the time. It is about ten inches in length, brown and buff above and white below. Its range is the whole of the United States and Canada to the Arctic Circle. It is found more commonly in sparsely settled localities, as it is shy of humans. The snipe will stay with its mate oftentimes at the risk of being shot, and sometimes gets shot before it will fly away and leave its mate. This touching trait causes a sportsman with any heart at all to refrain from shooting snipes. It migrates southward in winter. Snipes rear one brood in the summer. The number of the family is usually four. It frequents streams, marshlands, swamps and ponds and feeds upon worms, insects and larvae, obtaining them by digging in the mud. It is attractive as well as useful.



THE HOLLOW POST MR. PETERSON'S WREN NEIGHBORS  
USED FOR A NESTING-PLACE

## The Neighborly House Wren

ALVIN M. PETERSON

Photograph by the Author

I USUALLY begin looking and listening for the busy, bubbling house wren late in April. Seldom does he disappoint me. I usually hear and see the first one about a small yard a short distance off, where the renter has long maintained a wren house for a pair of these birds. As I near this yard I hear his bubbling warble and a moment later catch sight of him, tail pointed skyward, as he hops in the grass, perches on the branch of a tree, or teeters on the wren box fastened to a corner of the house.

We have long had wrens for near neighbors. The first pair to nest on the premises chose a knothole in the wall of the henhouse for an entrance and built a nest in some litter used for insulation. Then for a few years the birds nested elsewhere. Some years we saw little of them in the neighborhood, but, more often, a male visited us, sang, hustled about, and inspected every box and hole about the place. Sometimes he found a mate and the two spent no little time with us before leaving and nesting elsewhere.

Finally, I secured two pieces of hollow birch and made wren boxes out of them. The first was nine inches long and three inches in diameter, part of a branch secured from a dead red birch. I nailed small pieces of lumber over the ends and thus gave it a roof and floor, and a pair of wrens nested in it and successfully raised a brood of youngsters. The next winter woodpeckers destroyed this box, since the wood was soft and partly decayed and they loved to hammer at it. The other piece was the same length as the first but seven or eight inches in diameter. I split it, nailed a board across the back of the half used, gave this an entrance hole, roof and floor,

and fastened it to a corner of the shed. Wrens have nested in this rustic box several times. Woodpeckers drilled a hole in this box also, after it had been in use two years, the new hole being on the left side near the floor. The wrens filled the bottom with twigs, thus plugging the lower hole, and continued using the original entrance. That box is still fastened to the shed and always reminds me of our little neighbors when I pass it, for twigs still protrude from the hole the woodpeckers made.

We tore up an old fence the middle of last April, removing the wire and taking up the posts. The posts were hauled to the yard, sorted, and either saved or relegated to the wood pile. Among the discarded posts was one that was hollow, the hole being full of twigs like those used by wrens when nest building. Whenever I find a post, log, branch or tree trunk that contains a cavity of this kind I save the hollow part for a prospective bird box. The hollow was near the bottom, at about ground level, so I reversed the ends and set the post in the ground a short distance north of the house, the entrance hole now being three feet up.

True to schedule, the wrens arrived about May first last spring. How the male sang, flitted about, searched and worked! Soon his mate arrived, and the two began carrying twigs into a hollow-branch bluebird box southeast of the house, no doubt nesting there, though I was too busy to keep a close watch over their affairs, then began hovering about the post I had recently prepared for them. How the male warbled and teetered about that hollow post! Eventually things quieted down. The male, to be sure, still sang freely about the old post, but nothing was to be seen of his mate. Then, one day, when I visited the vicinity, the mother appeared in the entrance hole, uttered notes of anger and alarm, and flew to a near-by tree, where she was joined by her mate, both birds chattering and scolding as long as I remained in the neighborhood.

Soon there were youngsters in the nest, and the parents were kept busy early and late feeding them. I have never been successful in photographing wrens, so concluded here was my chance. The young were quite large on July fifth and frequently were to be seen at the entrance hole. On the sixth I placed a blind beside the post, leaving it there overnight to get the birds accustomed to it. The next day when I arrived with the camera all was quiet at the post. The parents were not to be seen, no young wrens appeared at the entrance. I had come too late—the nest was empty. I found one youngster in a near-by mulberry, another in a box-elder, and still others about some young oaks. Thereafter for more than a week we saw much of young and old birds, a happy family that gave us much enjoyment. Naturally, I was keenly disappointed about not getting any pictures, but a large and happy family of wrens about the yard is better than many pictures, isn't it?

## Our Dumb Animals

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## The Dogs of Michigan

FROM the Port Huron *Free Press*, Michigan, we take the following almost unbelievable article.

"The killing of 76 dogs in St. Clair county during November appears to have been needless. Yet the killing goes on winter and summer. One year ago a certain group planned to start a general slaughter of dogs not only in Michigan but in other states. How successful the killing crusade has been may be realized when it is known that over one hundred thousand dogs were exterminated during the past 12 months in this state. St. Claire county was caught in the killing crusade, exterminating nearly one thousand dogs.

"This general killing-off was made to appear justifiable in the movement to prevent the spread of rabies. An investigation shows that there was less than one case of rabies in each 100 dogs exterminated. Is that giving the dog a fair break? However, it convinces all friends of dumb animals that their job has hardly begun, if the killing crusade is to be checked in Michigan.

"The enemies of dogs, and other dumb animals, have planned to first complete the extermination of all dogs within the limits of the various cities. When they have completed this task, the crusade will be carried into townships and villages, until there is not a dog left in Michigan. Can it be done? Well, my friends, that is all up to you. If you remain indifferent, the extermination is not impossible. Then the crusaders will turn their attention to cats."

The killing of a hundred thousand dogs, (we hope the figure is greatly exaggerated), in a year to prevent the spread of rabies, where other and vastly humbler methods have proved successful in dealing with this serious problem, compels us to wonder what has become of the friends of the dog in that great state.

## Rabies

An outbreak of rabies is always the cause of a great deal of anxiety. Statistics show that stray dogs are largely responsible for it. If only the state dog officials, whose duty it is to see that all dogs are licensed and the strays humanely put to sleep, attended to their business we should hear little of this fatal disease.

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## HOSPITAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

### Including Springfield Branch

Hospital	Dispensary
Cases entered	805
Dogs	589
Cats	208
Birds	6
Horses	2
Operations	805
Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, 1915	157,327
Dispensary cases	387,910
Total	545,237

### The Month in the Springfield Branch

Cases entered in Hospital	140
Cases entered in Dispensary	520
Operations	169

## Mr. Rutherford's Successor

Few attendants at the annual meetings of the American Humane Association could be more missed than Frank B. Rutherford, so long general manager of the Pennsylvania S. P. C. A. We are glad to see that Mr. W. J. Phillips, for many years so intimately associated with him, has been appointed to succeed him. The honor conferred upon Mr. Phillips is one he has fully merited.

## THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Founded by Geo. T. Angell. Incorporated March, 1868  
See Page 45 for complete list of officers

### Prosecuting Officers in Boston

Telephone (Complaints, Ambulances) Longwood 6100  
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Women's Auxiliary of the Mass. S. P. C. A., 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston—Mrs. EDITH WASHBURN CLARKE, Pres.; Mrs. AGNES P. FISHER, Ch. Work Com. First Tuesday.

Springfield Branch Auxiliary—Mrs. DONALD C. KIBBE, Pres.; Mrs. HERBERT F. PAYNE, Treas. Second Thursday.

Winchester Branch Auxiliary—Mrs. RICHARD S. TAYLOR, Pres.; Miss BESSIE SMALL, Treas. Second Thursday.

Fitchburg Branch, Am. Humane Education Soc.—MR. FRANCIS KIELTY, Pres.; BRADLEY W. LEONARD, Treas.

## MONTHLY REPORT OF SOCIETY AND BRANCHES

Miles traveled by humane officers..	15,853
Cases investigated .....	429
Animals examined .....	5,142
Animals placed in homes .....	182
Lost animals restored to owners..	72
Number of prosecutions .....	3
Number of convictions .....	3
Horses taken from work .....	4
Horses humanely put to sleep....	61
Small animals humanely put to sleep .....	1,403
Stock-yards and Abattoirs	
Animals inspected .....	65,845
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep .....	45

## Beware of the Rubber Play- thing

To give a pet dog a rubber ball, or what is called a rubber bone, has meant for many dog-lovers a sad experience. A friend writes, "I have just lost a much loved dog and my sorrow is deepened because, unwittingly, I had given him a rubber bone to play with, a piece of which, the autopsy showed, he had swallowed and which was the cause of his death. Won't you warn others against this danger?"

From an eye witness in China—Nineteen hospitals have been wholly or partly destroyed in Shanghai and Nanking alone, and 42 universities, colleges and middle schools. Heaven only knows how many innocent women and little children! Soon or late Japan will learn the meaning of the words, "Clouds and darkness are round about Him, righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne."

A new monthly publication, *The Animal Pictorial*, has just appeared. "The paper that gives all the news, views and pictures about animals." *The Animal Pictorial* says, in its advertisement, "please send, post free, the first specimen copy for which I enclose one shilling." Address: 27 Averley Park, London, S. E. 20.

# Seventieth Annual Report of the President

For the Year Ending December 31, 1937

## I

### The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

**T**HE Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as it looks back over the nearly 70 years of its history, has certainly the best of reasons to congratulate itself upon its increasingly widening influence in the world of humanness. If its founder, George Thordike Angell, and the little group of men who gathered around him on that eventful day, March 31, 1868, could visit the headquarters of the Society in this year 1938, read the story of its activities, scan the evidences of its almost universal recognition through the Commonwealth and through other states of the Union and even abroad, we are sure they would feel that the prayer that was offered by them, as on that day above mentioned they fell upon their knees and asked the blessing of God upon the venture, had been answered.

In those early days there was scarcely anything in the way of legislation for the protection of animals from ill-treatment, and the public response to appeals for financial help for the work was so small that the entire financial burden fell upon the few devoted souls who stood back of the movement. Year by year, however, as the work of the organization has reached out through the Commonwealth, the public, appreciating its services, has answered generously through contributions, and it is needless to say that but for such generous responses the splendid headquarters of the Society, including the work of the Angell Memorial Hospital, on Longwood Avenue, could never have been built, the large force of agents throughout the Commonwealth never have been maintained, or the various Shelters established.

#### The New Laboratory

The most outstanding feature of the year was the establishment, through the generosity of a member of the Society, of the Crossman Memorial Diagnostic Laboratory.

The Howard A. Crossman Memorial Diagnostic Laboratory was put into operation on February 22nd of this year with the employment of Miss Norma Burton, B. S., as full-time technician. Miss Burton, who received her hospital training at the Boston City Hospital, completed 1,043 lab-



HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWO SOCIETIES AND ANGELL MEMORIAL  
ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
170-184 Longwood Avenue, Boston

oratory examinations during the ten-month period.

The experience of the doctors has been that these diagnostic aids have reduced mortality in the Hospital both by establishing earlier diagnosis than would be possible by clinical methods, and, in many instances, by making a diagnosis that could not be made otherwise. With the advent of a new and specific cure for streptococci infections, the bacteriological examinations which are completed in the laboratory have become increasingly important as a life-saving measure.

The doctors find the autopsy table, which is part of the laboratory, a very valuable aid in making post-mortem examinations which are necessary if our knowledge of animal diseases is to move onward.

The work consists of both physical and chemical examinations of blood and urine. By counting and identifying red and white blood corpuscles, the progress of disease in the body is estimated, and such blood diseases as leukemia and anemia are diagnosed. By chemical examinations abnormal calcium and phosphorus values, for example, are discovered, and non-union of a fractured leg is indicated. The existence of diabetes mellitus is indicated by a high blood sugar, or uremia by a high non-protein nitrogen value. While the latter is highly fatal, the laboratory establishes early diagnosis and allows for more accurate prognosis. Determinations repeated at intervals show the progress of the disease.

#### The Work at Boston

The activities of the agents of the So-

society, those connected with the offices in Boston and those throughout the Commonwealth in the larger cities, have been little more than duplications of what has to be done year in and year out. These services consist largely of answering the thousands of complaints that come to the office and to the branch offices in the larger cities, visiting sales-stables, stock-yards, slaughterhouses, farms, and all places where animals are kept. Here follows the report from the officers whose headquarters are at 180 Longwood Avenue:

Complaints investigated.....	1,343
Prosecutions.....	18
Animals inspected.....	13,071
Horses taken from work.....	48
Unfit horses humanely put to sleep.....	325
Small animals humanely put to sleep.....	7,303
Animals placed in homes.....	553
Animals returned to owners.....	195
Animals inspected at stock-yards.....	702,719
Injured animals put to sleep at stock-yards.....	324
Miles traveled by officers.....	39,142
Ambulance calls.....	3,082

#### Shelters and Branch Offices

As probably the majority of our readers know, we have five excellently equipped and efficiently managed Shelters, one at Attleboro, one at Hyannis, one at Methuen, one at Pittsfield, and one at Springfield in connection with the Hospital in that city. Thousands of small, unwanted, sick and injured animals are gathered up yearly, brought to these Shelters, in many cases homes found for those suitable for homes, and those that are diseased or unwanted or for whom no homes could be found are humanely put to sleep. The report of each of these follows below.

#### ATTEBORO

We start with the one in Attleboro, an extraordinarily fine location with something like three acres of land which the Society during the last year purchased for its agent for that section.

1. CASES	Number
Complaints received (investigated).....	288
2. ANIMALS INSPECTED	
On investigations only.....	4,562
Abattoirs.....	354
Total.....	4,916

<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	<b>Number</b>
Ambulance trips.....	384
Small Animals (returned to owners).....	47
(placed in homes).....	99
(humanely put to sleep).....	759
Horses (taken from work).....	42
(humanely put to sleep).....	51
<b>4. Prosecutions</b> .. 20 <b>Convictions</b> ..	<b>19</b>
Mileage.....	31,042

**H Y A N N I S**

<b>1. CASES</b>	<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated).....	890
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>	
On investigations only.....	1,281
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	
Ambulance trips.....	634
Small Animals (returned to owners).....	13
(placed in homes).....	17
(humanely put to sleep).....	1,015
Horses (taken from work).....	1
(humanely put to sleep).....	7
<b>4. Prosecution</b> .. 1 <b>Conviction</b> ..	<b>1</b>
Mileage.....	28,411

**L Y N N**

<b>1. CASES</b>	<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated).....	285
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>	
On investigations only.....	5,983
Auctions.....	3,154
Total.....	9,137
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	
Ambulance trips.....	127
Small Animals (returned to owners).....	1
(placed in homes).....	10
(humanely put to sleep).....	197
Horses (taken from work).....	23
(humanely put to sleep).....	169
<b>4. Prosecutions</b> .. 4 <b>Convictions</b> ..	<b>3</b>
Mileage.....	18,450

**M E T H U E N**

At Methuen the Shelter is cared for in connection with the Society's beautiful farm of 150 acres known as the Rest Farm for Horses. There has been through the year a daily average of 31 horses. For the care and treatment of the majority of these payment has been received, the Farm having become really noted for what it has done for horses needing rest and recuperation and often special care and treatment. In addition to its stables and Shelter, it has its home for the Superintendent and also cottages for three of the regular employees.

<b>1. CASES</b>	<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated).....	89
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>	
On investigations only.....	11,000
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	
Ambulance trips.....	1,680
Small Animals (returned to owners).....	38
(placed in homes).....	127
(humanely put to sleep).....	3,308
Horses (taken from work).....	4
(humanely put to sleep).....	88
<b>4. Prosecution</b> .. 1 <b>Conviction</b> ..	<b>1</b>
Mileage.....	13,609

**The Cemetery**

The graves at Hillside Acre, the Society's Cemetery at Methuen, now number 859, 88 small animals having been buried there during the past year. The Cemetery has been carefully looked after and has attracted to itself many hundreds of people. It has sought particularly to minister to those unable to spend any large amount of money for a place in which they could bury their family pets.

**P I T T S F I E L D**

<b>1. CASES</b>	<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated).....	154
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>	
On investigations only.....	3,728
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	
Ambulance trips.....	1,945
Small Animals (returned to owners).....	43
(placed in homes).....	280
(humanely put to sleep).....	2,428
Horses (taken from work).....	7
(humanely put to sleep).....	26
<b>4. Prosecution</b> .. 1	<b>1</b>
Mileage.....	18,321

**S P R I N G F I E L D ( O F F I C E R )**

<b>1. CASES</b>	<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated).....	891
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>	
On investigations only.....	10,491
At Stock-yards.....	4
Abattoirs.....	16,429
Auctions.....	65
Total.....	26,989
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	
Small Animals (humanely put to sleep).....	7
Horses (taken from work).....	18
(humanely put to sleep).....	20
<b>4. Prosecutions</b> .. 12 <b>Convictions</b> ..	<b>9</b>
Mileage.....	19,711

**S P R I N G F I E L D ( H O S P I T A L )**

<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	<b>Number</b>
Ambulance trips.....	1,979
Small Animals (returned to owners).....	305
(placed in homes).....	858
(humanely put to sleep).....	5,339
<b>4. Mileage</b> .....	<b>8,744</b>

**W O R C E S T E R**

<b>1. CASES</b>	<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated).....	462
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>	
On investigations only.....	2,755
Abattoirs.....	312
R. R. yards.....	848
Auctions.....	611
Total.....	4,526
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	
Small Animals (returned to owners).....	67
(placed in homes).....	15
Horses (taken from work).....	23
(humanely put to sleep).....	23
<b>4. Prosecutions</b> .. 8 <b>Convictions</b> ..	<b>7</b>
Mileage.....	10,679

**T A U N T O N**

<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	
Small Animals (returned to owners).....	58
(placed in homes).....	27
(humanely put to sleep).....	1,025

**Other Local Agents**

In addition to the above branch offices, the Society has special local agents, to whom complaints may be made relative to any cases of cruelty to animals or injured animals, as follows: W. J. Callahan, Athol; John E. Healy, Beverly; E. D. Mosher, Fitchburg; Dr. E. Erskine Harvey, Greenfield; Wells C. Smith, Haverhill; and Arthur P. Reed, Peabody.

**Totals Covering State**

	<b>Number</b>
Complaints investigated.....	5,701
Prosecutions.....	72
Animals inspected.....	61,579
Miles traveled.....	188,860
Large animals, injured or unfit for service, humanely put to sleep	797
Small animals, injured, diseased or unwanted, humanely put to sleep.....	20,759
Animals placed in homes.....	2,146
Animals returned to owners.....	785
Ambulance calls.....	9,603
Animals inspected at stock-yards.....	702,719
Service rendered to horses at summer watering stations.....	8,980

**The Hospitals**

The report of the two Hospitals, the one in Boston and the one in Springfield, follow. The figures are accurate and tell the story. Of course, the figures do not tell of the hundreds of grateful people who have deeply appreciated the services the Hospitals have rendered, or some of the pathetic scenes that occur where owners have had to part with animals badly injured by automobiles on our highways, or sick beyond all possible recovery. Our Hospitals are never closed, and no call to rescue an injured animal, whether it be holidays, Sundays or nights, is ever refused, though all are urged to bring, when possible, their animals for treatment between the hours of nine in the morning and five in the afternoon.

The increase in the work of the Angell Memorial Hospital since the year of its opening in 1915 is interesting as showing the evident need of such an institution. The report for the year 1915 showed that 1,779 animals had been treated in its wards, and 2,600 in its Clinic. The report for the year 1937 shows the treatment of 33,673 animals here in Boston at the Angell Memorial Hospital, and treated at the Springfield Hospital, 7,772, making a total in both Hospitals of 41,445, the clinical cases numbering 30,721, the Hospital entered cases, 10,724.

**Summary**

Cases in Hospital since opened	
March 1, 1915.....	156,522
Cases in Dispensary since March 1, 1915.....	385,641
Total.....	542,163

## II

## The American Humane Education Society

**H**UMANE EDUCATION, first introduced to the world by George Thorndike Angell in 1889, when he founded the American Humane Education Society, has now become the most important activity of humane organizations everywhere. Animal workers realize today, as never before, that they can accomplish their goal more surely and more quickly by educating to prevent cruelty than by seeking to punish for cruelties already committed, and that humane education not only saves the animal from suffering abuses but also has far-reaching effects in the development of the child's character. The part played in this great development by the American Humane Education Society in 1937, so far as it can be told in facts and figures, is set forth in the following summary.

The fourteen field workers of the Society report 3,241 addresses made during the year, and that their audiences aggregated 630,000. Two-thirds of a million men, women and children reached by the humane message of this one organization!

**Large Number of Bands of Mercy**

But what have we been doing for the youth of our own and other countries? We answer that, principally in the public schools, 7,238 new Bands of Mercy were organized in 22 states, the Philippines, Newfoundland, Syria, Palestine and the British West Indies, bringing the total

number of Bands that have been formed since the movement started in 1882, up to 228,138. The Director of Education of the Philippine Islands used selections from our publications and issued a general circular to Division Superintendents in which he wrote: "It is believed that the promotion of character building and citizenship would be aided by the formation of Bands of Mercy in the schools."

**Our Parent-Teacher Affiliation**

Throughout the year our close affiliation with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers has been stressed, under the leadership of Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols, national chairman of humane education, who attended five of the state conventions, at one of which 600 copies of the new pamphlet, "The Relation of the Home to Character Formation," were officially distributed. A fourth edition of this popular booklet was required late in the year, so great has been the demand for it among Parent-Teacher workers. Mrs. Nichols also attended the National Congress, as did two other representatives of our Society. We receive constant requests from Parent-Teacher groups and officers for literature and exhibits, and send free subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals* to all state chairmen of humane education.

**Field Work in the East**

Three of our field workers are employed

in New England. For nearly eight months Miss Gilbert visited public and parochial schools in Maine, where she secured hearty co-operation of superintendents and teachers. Nearly 500 talks were given, resulting in the organization of 686 Bands of Mercy in which more than 20,000 pupils were enrolled. In addition to her visits to 357 schools, representing 114 different towns, Miss Gilbert co-operated in humane work wherever opportunity offered, including the presentation of a broadcast from Portsmouth, N. H.

In Massachusetts Miss Maryott continued her visits to schools throughout the year, nine cities and six towns being reached with 179 talks, illustrated usually by lantern slides. Nearly 1,000 Bands of Mercy were formed. The total number of persons reached, including adults, was 39,487. Mrs. Clarke, with many activities in addition to those of the press bureau, sent out 895 letters and about 15,000 pieces of literature. She arranged for nine radio programs in connection with the Parent-Teacher program, assisted in organizing a branch of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. in Northampton, planned a Silver Tea in East Dennis in connection with the Society's work on Cape Cod, and had charge of the very successful Fair of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston. She also visited several other places, making addresses on humane education.

**Miscellaneous**

During the year the Society has distributed, free, many thousand copies of "The Great Cruelty," a story concerning the sufferings inflicted upon the food animals in the process of slaughter and urging the need of such humane methods as should prevail in a country like ours claiming to be civilized. The Society has also been watchful up to the limits of its power over the horse and dog racing tracks of the Commonwealth, guarding against any possible violation of our humane laws. Medals of honor have been granted to several for deeds of unusual kindness in the rescue of animals from peril. Our two films have had a very wide circulation in various states of the Union, and the publicity work of the Society has been under the direction of a special representative.

**The Women's Auxiliary**

The Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., organized twenty years ago, has proved a most loyal and helpful organization. Through the various activities of a group of deeply interested women, it has been able to aid materially in equipping the Hospital with the latest facilities for carrying on its work.

Through its very efficient President, Mrs. Edith Washburn Clarke, a Springfield Auxiliary also was organized composed of a large number of Springfield's leading women. Of the work accomplished by this Springfield Auxiliary we cannot speak too

highly. They have not only given the Society a wide publicity in that section of the state but they have aided the Springfield Hospital financially in many ways and placed the Society heavily in their debt. In addition, Mrs. Clarke has also organized Auxiliaries in Winchester and Northampton, these two latter rendering excellent service and deserving of sincerest praise.

Another Auxiliary, we understand, is soon to be organized in Attleboro.

Women play so large a part in the advancement of this and other countries in humane work, the Society is proud of what has been accomplished through these Auxiliaries in increasing the number of its friends and helpers.

To all those who have so generously helped us financially and to the press of the State for the generous publicity it has given us, we again extend our heartfelt and sincerest appreciation.

**Financial Report**

The Society may well congratulate itself upon being able to end the year with a small balance in its favor, especially in such a time as this. True it is that if the payment for the shelter and home for its agent at Attleboro had been due in December of last year, the slight gain would not have appeared.

Total receipts for the year were \$330,752.26. Total expenses, including depreciation, were \$326,288.59.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President

**REPORT OF CHIEF OFFICER**

The statistical summary of the work of the Society's humane officers during the past year will be noted above.

The number of inspections and investigations shows an increase, very noticeably in reference to small animals. Prosecutions, however, have been made as few as possible, owing largely to the stringencies of the times. The measure of our work is determined by its educational, advisory and preventive results and not by the actual number of its prosecutions for cruelty.

A few offenses which required court action may be mentioned. A cocking main was thwarted and three principals paid fines of \$50 each; thirty-seven others paid lesser fines; an equal number forfeited bail and the fifty-seven birds were ordered to be confiscated. Court cases which involved horses included several for non-feeding, working when unfit, beating, and selling when unfit for labor. Fines from \$10 to \$50 were assessed. Cases of cruel transportation of cattle, calves, hogs and fowl were taken to court for adjudication. Dog and cat cases included hit-and-run victims, non-feeding and inadequately sheltering.

Our humane officers have adhered to the principle, at all times, that it is better to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

L. WILLARD WALKER, Chief Officer

**Our Workers in the North**

Mr. Wentzel, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, induced the Governor of Pennsylvania to endorse Be Kind to Animals Week, held a poster contest in the schools, and reached many clergymen and school officials with humane helps. For several days he visited South Carolina and assisted Mr. Carroll there by carrying on an intensive program, giving addresses at churches and schools. In all he visited 49 towns in various parts of the country, gave 94 school talks and 72 talks before adult audiences, and organized 173 Bands of Mercy, with 30,900 members.

Mrs. Toomim reports 78,050 persons, of which 74,238 were children, having been reached in her work in Chicago for the year. She gave 394 talks in 125 different schools, and distributed 6,250 pieces of literature, including 4,000 copies of the "Humane Exercises." Outstanding was the story and playlet contest in the schools, for which prizes were offered by the Illinois Humane Society. This was a leading feature of the annual Be Kind to Animals Week celebration. Mrs. Toomim also sponsored several broadcasts, two of which were given by prominent citizens. She secured considerable publicity in the press of the city.

**Great Activity in the South**

It happens that more than half of our field workers are toiling in various southern states, with results that are heartening indeed to learn. Three of these are colored men, whose work is largely with their own race. Miss Finley, who, for the last twenty years has been our representative in Richmond, Virginia, felt obliged to retire from her work about the middle of the year. She was one of our most conscientious workers and had been state chairman of humane education for the Parent-Teacher Association. Her reports cover the first four months of the year, in which she visited 85 schools, gave 95 school talks and 10 other talks, and organized 146 Bands of Mercy, with 10,236 members.

Mr. Lemon traveled 10,000 miles to reach 286 towns in Virginia where he gave talks, chiefly before schools, to colored audiences aggregating 25,000 persons. Of these more than 14,000 were children who were organized into 278 Bands of Mercy. He delivered 48 sermons and addresses before adult audiences, and did considerable work in relieving distressed animals and individuals.

From his home in Columbia, South Carolina, Mr. Carroll journeyed 20,000 miles, including North Carolina, Georgia and Florida, in addition to his own state, in his tours. He carried the humane message into hundreds of colored public schools, colleges, and meetings of educational, religious and civic bodies, often presenting humane exhibits. His lectures included a series of eleven in summer schools for teachers. He conducted the second annual Welfare Conference in Brookgreen, S. C., in March. He arranged several radio programs, speaking himself on two of them, during Be Kind to Animals Week.

Mrs. Weathersbee secured a proclamation for Be Kind to Animals Week from the Governor of Georgia, and sponsored 14 radio talks during the Week. She conferred

with the Governor in regard to a statewide humane education program, and has been assured that the "Humane Education Bulletin" will be adopted as a text-book. She arranged for 22 humane education exhibits throughout the state, and attended 43 Parent-Teacher meetings. She gave 325 talks in 197 schools and eight camps, enrolled 27,892 children in 643 Bands of Mercy, and gave addresses at four summer schools for teachers, where she distributed nearly 2,000 pieces of literature.

Mr. Burton traveled 21,000 miles in Tennessee, where he talked in 233 schools and gave 78 addresses at denominational gatherings, teachers' conventions, Parent-Teacher Associations, Sunday-schools and welfare groups. He was heard by 25,400 children and 14,000 adults. He secured 4,225 pledges to the Jack London Club.

Mr. Griffith met with a severe accident in May, which seriously handicapped his activities in Florida during the summer. He did succeed in visiting 92 places during the year. He reported 343 Bands of Mercy formed in 61 schools, with 11,816 pupils. Through car advertising and the loud speaker he reached 6,300 adults. He held several conferences and often found opportunity to do practical animal rescue work.

Mr. Barnwell traveled nearly 10,000 miles to reach the colored people of Texas. He gave 187 talks in 122 schools and formed 508 Bands of Mercy with a total membership of 55,753. In addition, he gave addresses in 161 churches, colleges, educational and religious meetings, 4-H Clubs, farmers' institutes, and other gatherings, where 22,733 persons were reached. He secured a large amount of press publicity and distributed nearly 5,000 pieces of literature.

**Press Bureau in the West**

Our Western Press Bureau, in charge of Mrs. Alice L. Park of Palo Alto, California, continues its monthly service to newspapers west of the Rocky Mountains. Mrs. Park also visited several cities from Seattle to Los Angeles, to attend teachers' conventions and hold conferences, where she gave lectures, held humane exhibits and distributed books and leaflets. Among these was the California State Humane Convention, held in Palo Alto.

**Field Worker in Cuba**

For several months Mrs. Fe de la Pena, who has done a great amount of volunteer humane work in Cuba, was employed to represent our Society. She circulated 80,500 copies of a large circular giving the endorsement of Be Kind to Animals Week by the Provincial Governor of Matanzas, sent 200 special letters and 1,000 copies of "Ten Commandments of Be Kind to Animals Week" to teachers and school officials, and gave daily radio talks to children during the Week. Through her 150 copies of "Azabache" (Spanish "Black Beauty") were distributed in the schools. She is receiving hearty co-operation from the Governor of the province and the school superintendents in her efforts to promote humane education.

**Be Kind to Animals Week**

Handsome endorsed in a Proclamation by Governor Hurley of Massachusetts, the Be Kind to Animals Week of 1937 was conspicuously celebrated not only in this state

but throughout the nation. The Massachusetts S. P. C. A. presented a lecture, illustrated by slides and moving pictures, on "Friendly Folk in Fur and Feathers," by the well-known naturalist, Thornton W. Burgess, at the Boston Public Library on Humane Sunday evening to an audience that packed the lecture hall. Through *Our Dumb Animals* the American Humane Education Society offered two prizes of \$25, one for the best original essay on "Arguments for the Zoo," and one for a similar essay on "Arguments against the Zoo." The Society circulated 2,000 of the national humane posters, 14,000 copies of a new edition of *Humane Exercises*, 5,000 *Humane Sunday* leaflets, 2,500 special announcements of Be Kind to Animals Week, and 5,000 copies of a new prize play, "Boots' Day." The annual prize poster contest in Massachusetts resulted in the receipt of more posters than ever before, the number being 8,331. They came from 543 schools in 172 cities and towns. More than a thousand first prizes, more than 1,250 second prizes, and more than 1,500 honorable mentions were awarded.

**Jack London Club Growing**

Our organized protest against the cruelty of training animals for stage and screen performances shows a steady growth in interest, the Jack London Club having been increased by 17,896 new members in 1937, bringing the total membership up to 696,767.

**Great Demand for Films**

The two films, "The Bell of Atri," and "In Behalf of Animals," seem to be in constant demand, as several prints were sold and more than fifty rentals made, not counting the service offered by both films in the schools of Chicago and in those of Georgia and under the auspices of Boston University.

**Work in Many Countries**

The international scope of our work is shown by correspondence with Madeira, Turkey, and Morocco; by literature being sent to Norway, England, Newfoundland, British West Indies, and Ceylon; literature and other supplies to Palestine, the Philippine Islands, and other countries; and the maintenance of a field worker for several months in Cuba, and the appointment late in the year of a corresponding representative in India. We were also represented by an exhibit at the Paris Exposition of 1937.

**New Literature in 1937**

Nearly 3,000 new Calendars were printed and distributed, and several thousand copies each of several new leaflets, in addition to reprints and revised editions of earlier titles. A four-page folder, "Road Accidents to Dogs," proved to be very popular, as did a series dealing with animals in training, animals in films, and animals in captivity. Including blotters, posters, reports, Be Kind to Animals and *Humane Sunday* leaflets, press slips, calendars and the periodical, *Our Dumb Animals*, 629,050 pieces of literature went out from our offices in the twelve months.

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**Summary**

Addresses by field workers.....	3,241
Total number in audiences.....	630,000
Pieces of literature printed.....	629,050
Pieces of literature, etc., distributed free.....	160,000
New Bands of Mercy organized....	7,238
Total Bands of Mercy at end of year	228,138
New members enrolled in Jack London Club.....	17,896
Membership of Jack London Club at end of year.....	696,767

The treasurer reports for 1937 total receipts of \$24,431.48; total expenses, \$26,153.04, a deficit of \$1,721.56. Vitally important as this humane educational work is, it has never made as strong an appeal for support to the public, we greatly regret to say, as it should. Humane education strikes at the root of the tree, all of whose fruit is poisoned with cruelty; the S.P.C.A. can only keep its branches from casting an ever-widening shadow.

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## Raining Cats and Dogs

MARGUERITE SILVEY DOWLING

*'Twas raining cats and dogs one night.  
I know whereof I speak;  
When down my silken spread I turned—  
Our roof had sprung a leak.*

*For muddy pools and foot-marks were  
Impressed upon my bed,  
And underneath my blankets warm,  
I found a woolly head.*

*Between the pillows, fresh and white,  
There was a ball of fur,  
And when I clasped it to my heart,  
It gave a happy purr.*

*So, now I know the saying's true—  
That old-time word we hear,—  
For cats and dogs will always reign  
With all who hold them dear.*

## Reminding Phyllis

MARY AGNES COLVILLE

WHAT are you doing, Phyllis?" Janet called down to her playmate, next door, from an upstairs window.

"I'm getting some food ready for the birds' dinner. Come on down!"

In a few moments, Janet appeared in her own doorway, carrying a pan.

"As long as you're giving the birds something to eat, I've brought them some water," Janet explained. "You know, they get awfully thirsty, Phyllis, and it's hard for them to get any water these cold March days—with everything frozen solid. It's not like in the rainy season when there are puddles everywhere, nor like summer when they can drink the dew from the grass or the water from the garden hose."

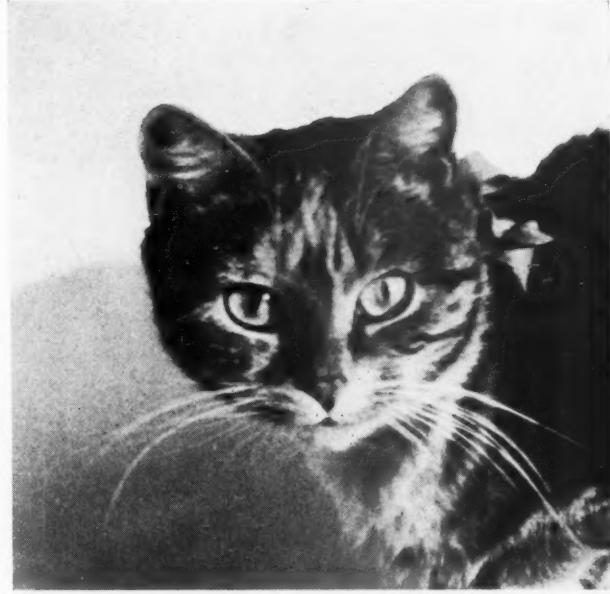
"I'm glad you reminded me about giving the birds a drink." Phyllis smiled gratefully at her chum. "I've been feeding them ever so many times lately, but I never thought to get them a drink. I'll remember after this."

## Elephants and Babies

Alice Keatley

ON the march through the jungle, the mother and father elephants are very careful with their babies. Even while charging, they never crush nor step upon their little ones. The young are to be found walking between the mother's front legs, and that is why they are never stepped upon. When a baby elephant is born in the herd, they stop one or two days to allow it to gain strength. Then they press on, the mothers and babies in front and the old tuskers following in the rear, but ready to rush forward at the first alarm. You know the mother elephants have no tusks; so the tuskers are the fathers. When hilly places are reached, the little ones are helped up by the mothers, who use their trunks to push them forward.

You would be amused to see a herd of elephants crossing a



THE CHILDREN'S PET

stream. The young ones seem to be walking on the water because they are held just above the water by the mother's trunk. The mother can scarcely be seen because only part of her head is visible. She curls her trunk over and around the little one.

In parts of India the elephant is treated like one of the family. It is fond of babies, and what is more important, can be trusted to take care of them. It keeps the flies off the baby and rocks it to sleep in its cradle. Wouldn't you expect the baby to be filled with terror at sight of that immense creature hanging its powerful trunk over it? But of course it is not, for the elephant is as familiar to the baby as your puppy or kitten is to you.

## Hidden Birds and Animals

ALFRED I. TOOKE

IN each of the following sentences is hidden the name of a bird and that of an animal. See if you can find them all.

1. If you see a gleam of light in Alice's window, it would be a very good idea to call.
2. Leave your card in Alice's mailbox if you don't find her at home.
3. Her only fear is that you will take visitors and let them mar mother's flower beds.
4. She now rents potted flowers at ten cents each or seven for fifty cents.
5. She will find the wash tub a boon, also the second-hand car I bought.
6. The tub is on a safe base but do not lean against it too much now lest it upset.
7. Is it not terrible how the muscles ache after a day's washing?
8. If your collar keeps coming undone at the top, I guess you need a bigger button there.



BAND OF MERCY BOYS AND GIRLS IN HULST SCHOOL,  
IRON MOUNTAIN, MICHIGAN

### Hulst School Band of Mercy

THOUGH first published 44 years ago, "Beautiful Joe," prize story of the American Humane Education Society, is still inspiring thousands of our young people to "be kind to animals," as shown by the example of this very active Band of Mercy in Iron Mountain, Michigan. Miss Gertrude H. Overton, teacher and club adviser, writes of the practical work being done by the members who are shown in the picture above.

Our club is a home room group of the Hulst Junior High School and was organized last spring after the students had read Marshall Saunders' book, "Beautiful Joe." Since then the club members have made themselves responsible for humane education in the building. Although our pet hobby has been dogs, our attention has included all living creatures.

Club members distribute to other classrooms literature published by humane societies, *Our Dumb Animals*, and *The National Humane Review*. Talks are given in other rooms from time to time, and in our regular bi-monthly meetings. Club members have appeared on P. T. A. programs to talk on humane topics or to display bird feeding-stations and similar exhibits made by themselves.

Our most recent project is a birds' feeding-station for the school. Recent visitors to the Band of Mercy room were both puzzled and interested to see a boy and a girl planting Christmas tree boughs in a large window-box. After the planting the ground was thoroughly watered. Then old pieces of bone or shell were tied to the boughs. Crusts and seeds were sprinkled generously among the branches, and the whole thing was set in a sheltered spot out-of-doors. Thus there was made a feeding station for those birds who elect to spend the winter in our snow-covered Upper Peninsula of Michigan. One afternoon numerous small birds could be seen following the trail of seeds, which had been scattered from the hill behind the school, to the window-box feeding station. Since then there have been daily visitors.

One girl has even provided shallow drinking dishes for the birds. These are cared for daily, for it is known that birds frequently suffer from thirst during the winter season.

### A Strange Friendship

MINNA IRVING

PROBABLY the strangest tale of animal friendship on record comes from Tarrytown, N. Y.

Mrs. Laura Shotwell had two pets, "Snow," a white mouse, and "McGinty," an Irish terrier. Both had the run of the house. One day the servant picked up the mouse and handled it roughly, and it bit her on the ear. After that it disappeared, and was believed to have crept away and died. In the basement there was an open disused pipe ending about a foot from the floor. One afternoon McGinty was observed to go to the pipe and whine softly. Promptly the missing mouse stuck his pink nose out of the pipe. McGinty whined again and the mouse jumped to his back, and the two played together on the floor. The dog finally lay down, and the mouse ensconced himself between McGinty's fore-paws and made his toilet, cleaning his fur with great care. Finally he mounted the dog's back again, McGinty walked over to the pipe, and his little friend vanished. The friendship between the two continued as long as the dog lived, but the mouse never came out unless the dog was in the basement. When McGinty died the mouse was never seen again. The friendship was all the more remarkable because Irish terriers are notorious rat-killers.

I am now living in the house where this occurred, and have seen and petted the Irish terrier many times. He was a grumpy old fellow to everybody and everything but to his friends.

### The Band of Mercy

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#### PLEDGE

I will try to be kind to all living creatures and try to protect them from cruel usage.

#### NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Four hundred and forty-six new Bands of Mercy were reported during January. Of these, 110 were in Massachusetts, 95 in Texas, 91 in Florida, 41 in South Carolina, 27 in Virginia, 25 in Pennsylvania, 14 in Illinois, 12 each in North Carolina and Tennessee, eight in the Philippine Islands, three in Wisconsin, two each in Lebanon and Missouri, and one each in Maine, New York, New Jersey and Georgia.

Total number Bands of Mercy organized by Parent American Society, 228,584.

### In Madison Schools

Mrs. Norine Showalter reports that good progress is being made in humane education work in the schools of Madison, Wisconsin. She states that a moving picture was taken of one of the schools that had been organized, showing the children taking the Band of Mercy pledge, also making posters of animals, and including many other interesting scenes. It is Mrs. Showalter's ambition to get many of the county schools organized before the end of the present school year. Congratulations to the Dane County Humane Society and to its efficient president, Mrs. I. Milo Kittleson.

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